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DECISION ON

**PETITION** 

UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the declaration filed on 03 March 1997 by the previously non-singing inventor Paul Defourny. Since a 37 CFR 1.63 declaration has been executed by all the joint inventors, the petition for status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot. The application need not be returned to the PCT Legal Office for any further consideration of the status under 37 CFR 1.47 and no such status should be indicated on this application file.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for preparation and mailing of the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a 35 U.S.C. 371 and 102(e) date 0f 03 March 1997.

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